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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT FEBRUARY 24, 2003, MEETING

On February 24, 2003, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the January 27, 2003, meeting is attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item IV, the Chairman reported that he met with Representative Thomas Petrie of Wisconsin, Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, to discuss support of Federal funding for the ACE program. Representative Petrie was also given a helicopter tour of the ACE project area. The National League of Cities, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and the Pasadena Gold Line will co-host a meeting on March 10, and 11, 2003, at which Congressman Petrie will be present. The Chairman also noted that the May meeting of the ACE Board will be on the third Monday of the month, rather than the usual fourth Monday, making the meeting date May 19, 2003.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Construction Authority Board accepted the Nogales Street Grade Separation Shoofly Grading contract with D. W. Powell Construction and its final retention payment bringing the final contract total to \$470,013. The final contract amount is \$90,738 less than the original approved contract amount.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority Board accepted Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Contract No. 01-10 with Hillcrest Contracting and its final retention payment bringing the final contract total to \$1,153,063.68. The final contract amount is \$48,962.12 less than the original approved contract amount.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with HDR Engineering for design of the Temple Avenue Train Diversion project. The amendment will increase the contract by \$173,069

to a contract value of \$3,658,478. The increase in the contract amount is needed to meet the requirements of Union Pacific Railroad to provide a wider diversion track embankment and bridges to accommodate a future second track over the diversion.

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved the plans, specifications, and estimates for the field traffic devices element of the Intelligent Roadway/Rail Interface Demonstration project located in the City of Pomona and authorized staff to solicit bids. The estimated value of this contract is \$2.39 million.

Under Agenda Item X, the ACE Construction Authority Board considered three recommendations as follows:

- (1) Approve an amendment to the ACE Administrative Code to allow small purchase procedures to be used for the acquisition of technical and professional services and increase the authorized amount for small purchase from \$25,000 to \$100,000.
- (2) Approve an amendment to the ACE Administrative Code to allow the Chief Executive Officer to delegate to ACE staff approval of increases in a contract amount by up to five percent of the contract value from the ten percent the Chief Executive Officer is presently authorized to approve.
- (3) Adopt revisions to the ACE Procurement Manual to redefine small purchases to include a streamlined competitive process for technical and professional services agreements between \$25,000 and \$100,000; delegate contingency authorization of up to five percent of the Board approved construction contract amount to the ACE Senior Project Manager with a subdelegation of up to two percent to the Resident Engineer; and provide for a Hearing Officer to review protests of bids rather than an independent review conducted by the Treasurer of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Based on concerns raised by the ACE Board, the first two recommendations were held over for further discussion at their next meeting. The third recommendation was approved.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on March 24, 2003, at Irwindale City Hall.

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